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AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In further response to the May 15, 2008 Final Office
Action and in response to the November 14, 2008 Advisory Action,
applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37
C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application and are
providing the following remarks which are supplementary to the
applicant's October 8, 2008 Reply, now entered with the request for
continue examination. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on
November 14, 2008. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a
petition for a one month extension of time 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and
the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). With the extension,
the deadline for filing this Reply and Request for Continued
Examination is on or before February 16, 2009 (February 14, 2009

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Amendment and Reply accompanying RCE dated February 17, 2009

In response to Advisory Action dated November 14, 2008 and Final Office Action dated May 15, 2008

being a Saturday and February 16, 2009 being a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office holiday). Thus, this Reply and Request and Request for Continued Examination is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.